



City of *Douglas* Georgia

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A Message from the City Manager



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I am honored to serve as City Manager for the City of Douglas and to lead a team of employees that are dedicated to working together to better serve the citizens under the leadership of our Mayor and City Commission.

Looking back at 2022, I see significant changes and developments within the City of Douglas. We are in a time of impactful quality-of-life infrastructure improvements and transformational expansions in our community that will precede the coming years.

In 2022, we saw substantial development projects come to fruition. Projects, such as the Roper Miracle Field and Premier Sports Complex, that will help build and mold a stronger community and are indicative of our dedication to serving all citizens. City Hall renovations are almost complete and will help mainstream our services and provide efficiency when citizens require our services.

Douglas Square continues to grow with the addition of several significant businesses. The historic passage of the Tax Allocation District is displaying the “trickle-down effect” that we hoped for when embarking on the momentous project to recruit new retail development. Douglas will see Publix Supermarkets, Aldi’s, PetSmart, Harbor Freight, and other businesses and/or retailers in the future.

Our downtown is seeing revitalization with the local investment that is preserving our history and bringing new life to downtown buildings and businesses. Our business leaders are taking pride in their businesses and are investing in the future of their company. Lott Builders celebrated 100 years in our community and we are determined to initiate incentives to help other businesses stay in our city. In an organized effort to revitalize areas suffering from disinvestment, underdevelopment, and economic decline, five Enterprise Zones were established as a new motivation tool for businesses.

Significant revenue has been placed for much-needed improvements to our infrastructure. State and federal grant assistance helped to make drainage and stormwater improvements in areas and those improvements are continuing into 2023. We also have completed several street resurfacing projects and those will continue to be made each year.

The City of Douglas is in good financial standing and because of this, our city is fortunate to provide government services that meet or exceed the expectations of any city our size. Since we are the caretakers of public services, our number one goal is to continue to work tirelessly as frugal, good stewards of the public resources entrusted to us. Whether it is resurfacing streets, making drainage improvements, or building new facilities, we are focused on improving quality of life.

Take a look around our great city and you will realize that we are truly living in a transformational era of Douglas. In 50 years, people will talk about the forward-thinking mindset of our citizens and the leadership that worked together to make these valuable, sustainable investments in our community. I am looking forward to another amazing year with the City of Douglas.

Sincerely,

Charles Davis

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Department Directory

Mayor and Commissioner Office.....	(912)389-3401
City Manager.....	(912)389-3401
City Clerk/Customer Service.....	(912)389-3405
Community Development.....	(912)383-0277
Douglas Utilities.....	(912)389-3445
Finance.....	(912)389-3496
Fire (Non-Emergency).....	(912)384-4815
Human Resource.....	(912)389-3494
Parks & Recreation.....	(912)384-5978
Police (Non-Emergency).....	(912)384-2222
Vehicle Maintenance.....	(912)389-3454

For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

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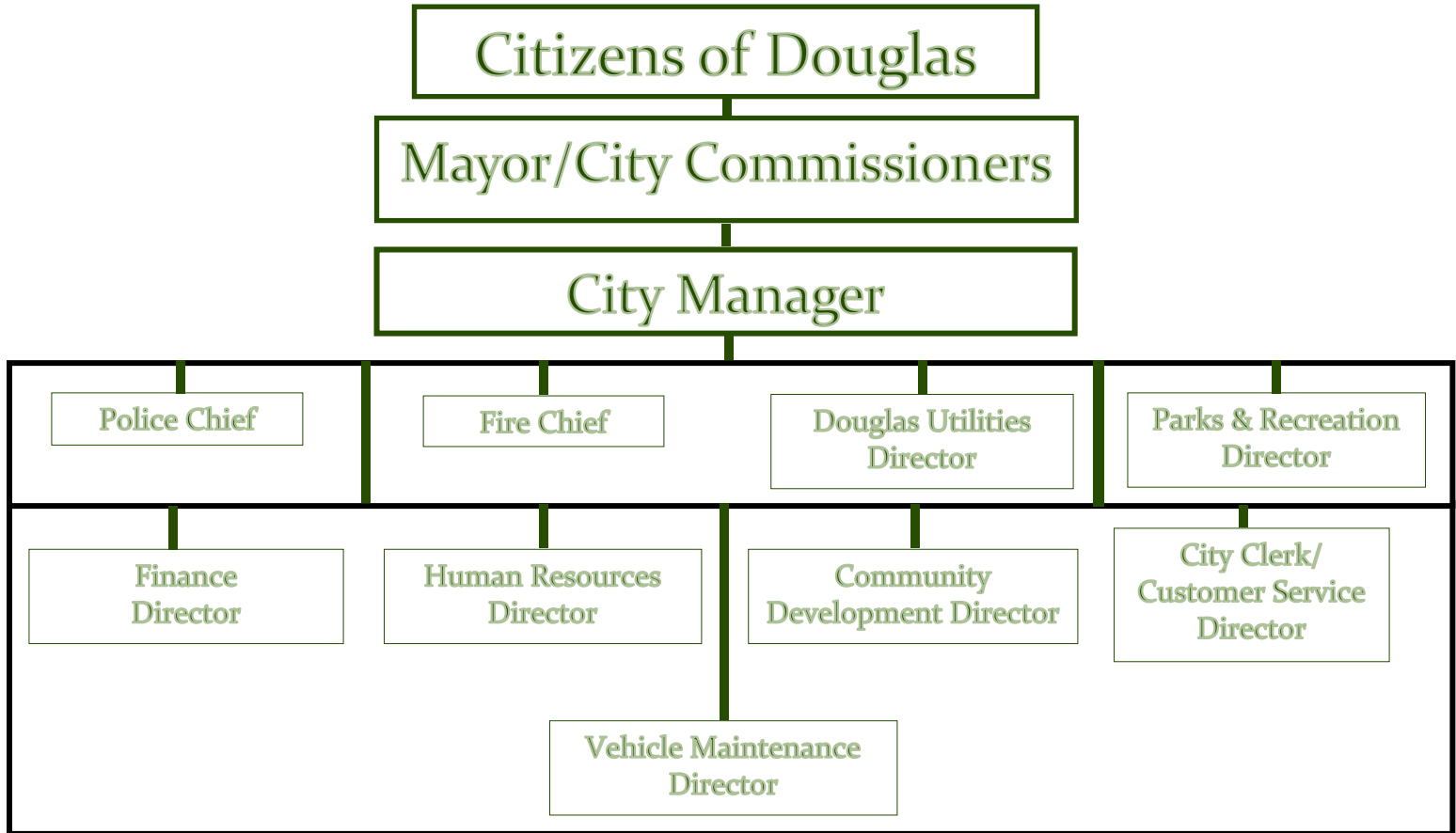
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It is the mission of the City of Douglas to provide all citizens cost effective services, with leadership that is open and responsive to the needs of the community and works for the benefit of all; and to develop and ensure the highest quality of life for our residents.

Organizational Chart



Questions about a city department?

Contact the Human Resource Department at (912) 389-3494 or go to the website, www.cityofdouglasga.gov, to view department contact information.

Our Employees

In 2022, approximately 675 job applications were submitted to the City of Douglas Human Resource Department.

178 - Full-Time Employees

29 - Part-Time Employees

3 - Permanent Part-Time

6 - Retirees

137 - Drug Tests

The City of Douglas currently employs **210** people in our community.

Since 2002, the FISH Philosophy has been utilized to improve employee morale through the City's FISH Committee. The committee hosts fun events to encourage employees to **Be There, Play, Make Their Day, and Choose a Positive Attitude.**

Employee Appreciation Luncheon



Rep Your Team Day



Halloween Costume Contest



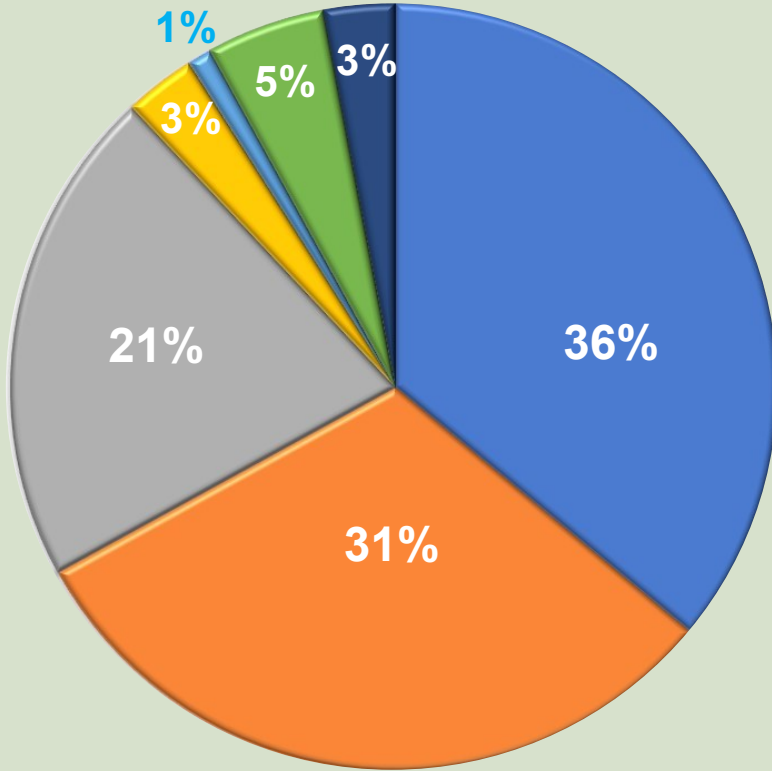
FISH!
Catch the Energy.
Release the Potential.



Happy Retirement to Sheila Bivens, Donnie Browning, Gina Gibbs, Jerome Perkins, Tammy Pittman, and Patrick Taylor.

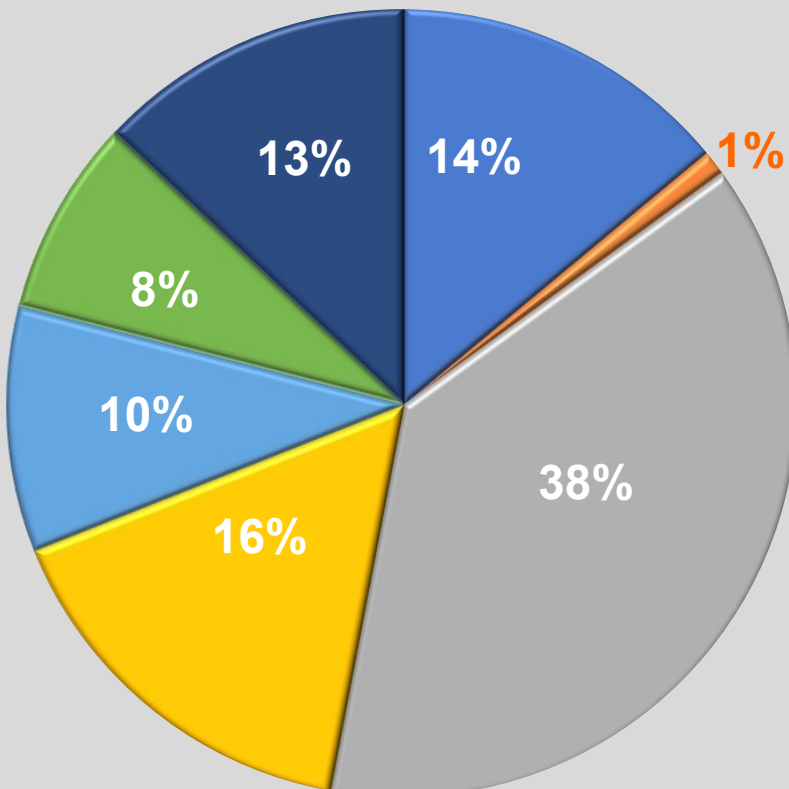
By the Numbers

The City of Douglas runs on a fiscal year, July—June. The City Commission adopted the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget in June 2022. These numbers represent department work plans that incorporate the goals and Comprehensive Plan of the City of Douglas. Learn more at www.cityofdouglasga.gov/finance.



FY'22 Adopted Budget Revenue Sources

- Taxes—All Taxes 36%
- Other Financing Sources—31%
- Misc. Revenues—21%
- Charges for Service—5%
- Business Licenses/Permits—3%
- Fines and Forfeitures—3%
- Intergovernment Revenues—1%



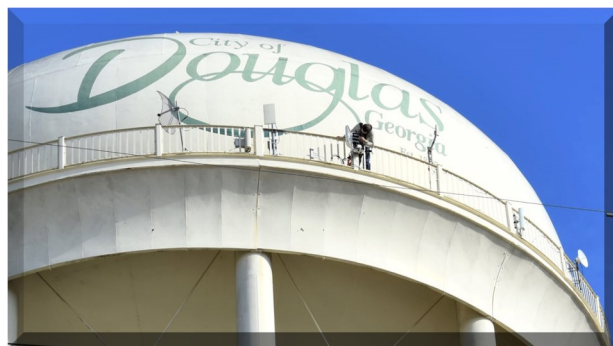
FY'22 Adopted Budget Expenses by Activity

- Public Safety 38%
- Public Works 16%
- General Government 14%
- Other Finances Uses 13%
- Culture & Recreation 10%
- Housing & Development 8%
- Judicial 1%

Just the Stats

The Douglas Utilities Department consists of Electric, Gas, Water/Wastewater, Sanitation, and Public Works. Water/Wastewater and Public Works are contracted out to ESG Operations, Inc. and sanitation is contracted out to GFL Environmental for day to day operations. The City of Douglas has an estimated **22,477** customer service accounts.

- ⇒ *5,850 Electric Customers*
- ⇒ *6,850 Water/Sewer Customers*
- ⇒ *1,228 Natural Gas Customers*
- ⇒ *5,389 Sanitation Accounts*
- ⇒ *3,160 Street and Security Lights*
- ⇒ *3.6 Million Gallons of Water pumped per day*
- ⇒ *4.5 Million Gallons of Wastewater treated per day*



Douglas Utilities lineman, Tyler Courson, assists our AMI Coordinator with some routine maintenance on equipment on one of our five water towers.

The City Clerk is the official records custodian for the City of Douglas and supervises the Customer Care Center and Customer Service Division. Together these divisions are responsible for customer service and utility management of approximately **22,477** customer accounts.

- **149** Open Records Requests
- **49** Recorded Minutes for City Commission and Work Session Meetings



- ⇒ *7,080 After-Hours Calls*
- ⇒ *5,808 Estimated Online, By Phone, EFT, or After Hours Drop Box Payments*
- ⇒ *4,800 Estimated In-Person Payments*

Let's Get Social

The Public Information Division of Community Development is dedicated to educate, engage, and inspire our community to help them better understand and participate in their City Government.



Facebook Pages—11
39,370 Followers

Top 3 Facebook Pages

1. DouglasGAPoliceDepartment
18,027 Followers
2. CityofDoulaGAGovernment
9,296 Followers
3. DouglasCoffeeCountyParks&Recreation
4,077 Followers



Top 3 Posts on City of Douglas GA Facebook page:

1. Train Derailment | 2-7-2022
90,935 Reach | 580 Shares
2. Marshall's Opening | 11-10-2022
72,650 Reach | 567 Shares
3. Water Main Break | 7-8-2022
49,646 Reach | 403 Shares



YouTube Account
331 Subscribers



Twitter Account
1,044 Followers



Constant Contact
1,435 Subscribers

City of Douglas Website | www.cityofdouglasga.gov

. 174,000 User Logins

. 212,000 Login Sessions

. Make a Utility Payment is the most used page.

**Information is obtained using Google Analytics*



*240 Messages relayed to Electronic
Message Centers at Central Square Complex
and 441 North.*

*339 News Releases sent to local news
outlets, local radio, and area television media.*



Economic Development



Pilgrims Expansion



On May 4, 2022, the City of Douglas and the Douglas Coffee County Chamber and Economic Development Authority announced the expansion of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's complex in the City of Douglas. Pilgrim's, an American-based food company that processes, prepares, packages, and delivers fresh, frozen, and value-added food products for customers in more than 100 countries, will invest \$75 million in an expansion in Douglas, Georgia. The expansion will create 53 new permanent, good-paying jobs, as well as dozens of construction and trade jobs during development of the facility.

⇒ **\$75 Million Investment**

⇒ **53 New Jobs Created**

EZ Blockchain

EZ Blockchain is a bit coin business that purchased 5 acres in the Satilla Industrial Park with plans to expand in 2023. This business is our largest utility account with 10 MegaWatts of power. Provides new revenue through sales tax and real time + margin utility fees.

10 MegaWatts of Power



**Increase in
new revenue
through sales
tax and real
time + margin
utility fees**

Economic Growth



Barrington Agri-Business Park

Douglas was awarded the OneGeorgia Equity Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to assist with water and sewer expansions at Barrington Agri-Business Park.

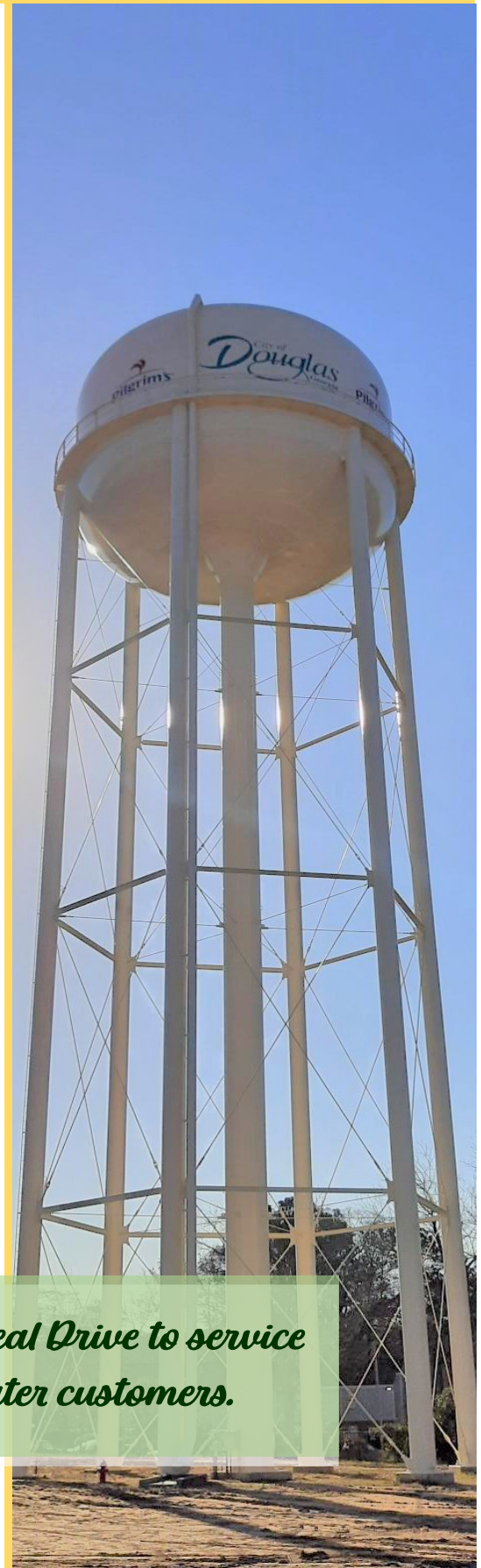
- ⇒ Creates 64 jobs
- ⇒ Estimated \$45 Million in private investments



Internet Service Expansion

Windstream by Kinetic expanded Gigabit Fiber internet to more than 6,000 locations in Douglas, GA. This is part of Kinetic's ongoing effort to serve rural communities who are in need of this technology.

A new water tower was constructed on McNeal Drive to service Pilgrims Pride as well as City of Douglas Water customers.





The Perimeter Place Shopping Center welcomed several businesses in 2022. Ollie's Bargain Warehouse, Goodwill, and Aaron's. Aldi Supermarket coming soon!

Douglas Square added Marshalls, 5 Below, Mavis Discount Tire Store, and CRMC Urgent Care.



The local governmental agencies (City of Douglas, Coffee County Commission, Coffee Board of Education, South Georgia State College, and the Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority) in partnership with The Jones Company of Waycross and with JBS Capital Investments announced the addition of several major tenants to the Douglas Square developments including major grocer, Publix.

Business Growth

The City of Douglas Building Inspections and Permits office is responsible for issuing building permits for residential and commercial, new construction, and renovations. The Building Inspector reviews plans and conducts building inspections ensuring compliance with all municipal construction codes.

- 84 Building Permits
- 39 Electrical Permits
- 12 Other Permits

135 Total Permits
348 Inspections

Business Licenses

1,656 Total
170 New Business Licenses

Alcohol Licenses

61 Total
20 New Alcohol Licenses

Welcome New Businesses!

DOUGLAS
COFFEE COUNTY • GA
chamber and economic development authority

Ribbon Cuttings—19 Total



Construction Zone

Downtown Development



Several buildings in a downtown block have been remodeled to accommodate new businesses.

Coming Soon!

- Spivey's Catfish House
- Axe Throwing
- The Hardware Lofts
- Chix & Fish



This building on the corner of Ashley & Madison Avenue has been remodeled into Sparky's Restaurant.



Sparky's

Renovated Investments



Norris Shoe Store



Hungry Howie's



Danny's Pizza



Northcutt's Breakfast

Community Development



Community Development focuses on developing and implementing community-based strategies to enhance economic opportunities by building stronger neighborhoods and business districts, while also attracting visitors and improving quality of life. The City of Douglas, other local governments, and citizens work together to ensure growth and economic development in Douglas.

- ⇒ *5 Enterprise Zones Established*
- ⇒ *2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments*
- ⇒ *11 Rezoning Requests*
- ⇒ *5 Text Amendments to the Unified Land Development Code*
- ⇒ *11 Public Hearings*



Housing Rehabilitation

The City of Douglas remains dedicated to improving housing in Douglas. The city was awarded the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant and Community Home Investment Program Grant to assist with housing rehabilitation in areas of Douglas.

- ◆ \$636,875 CDBG'21 Funding
- ◆ \$400,000 CHIP'21 Funding



Improving Mobility



The City of Douglas, Georgia was awarded funding for the city's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) application, for Preliminary Engineering by GDOT. The proposed project provides ADA-compliant sidewalks on roads without pedestrian facilities to allow children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs with non-automobile travel. The project will improve connectivity and walkability by expanding upon the city's goal of creating a desirable pedestrian environment. This project helps advance the city's 2020 Sidewalk Master Plan which outlines specific streets and areas needing pedestrian improvements.

Road Expansions/Improvements/Resurfacing

- ⇒ Dogwood Avenue (Indian Trail to end)
- ⇒ Redbird Trail (Dogwood Ave. to Bowens Mill)
- ⇒ Indian Trail (Dogwood Ave. to Camilla Ave.)
- ⇒ Terrell Road (Old Bell Lake Rd. to Miller Rd.)
- ⇒ North Fales Avenue (E. Ward St. to end)
- ⇒ South Fales Avenue (Railroad tracks to E. Ward)
- ⇒ Hunter Street (Sibbett Ave. to S. Gaskin)
- ⇒ Sibbett Avenue (W. Ward St. to Hunter St.)
- ⇒ S. Gaskin Avenue Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements
- ⇒ Lupo Lane Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements
- ⇒ Baker Hwy, East (SR158) Sidewalk Improvements
- ⇒ S. Pearl Ave. to Railroad Tracks

The Greenway Trail project is completed and stretches approximately 4.5 miles through Douglas.



Douglas Awarded \$5.2 Million for Economic Development





The City of Douglas received redesignation as a Georgia Department of Community Affairs PlanFirst Community and 2nd Year Revitalization Area Strategy participant. City of Douglas officials received \$1,000,000 from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the joint project between the City of Douglas, Action Pact, Coffee County, and the Coffee County Board of Education to expand the current Early Head Start and Head Start facility.

Estimated total cost of joint project: \$1,434,000.00

Grant Dollars at Work

Street & Drainage



The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) awarded \$1,788,761.00 in grant funds to the City of Douglas through the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. The CDBG-MIT funds will be used to for street and drainage improvements on West Jefferson Street, Fleetwood Circle and Sears Street.

West Jefferson Street



Sears Street



Adult Behavioral Services – Adult Outpatient Clinic



The City of Douglas was awarded \$750,000 in CDBG funding from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Block Grant Program to help Unison Behavioral Health transform the community by providing a wrap-around mental illness and substance abuse treatment facility. This project will benefit 98.53% of patients who are from varying races, low to moderate income and uninsured and has the potential to benefit all of society. The project was completed by end of 2022 and cost approximately \$905,685.00.

Grants by the Numbers

Total Open Grants

\$17,663,318.40

\$1,788,761	<i>Community Development Block Grant Mitigation '17</i> Jefferson Street, Fleetwood Circle, and Sears Street Street & Drainage Improvements
\$433,000	<i>Community Development Block Grant '19</i>
\$1,256,278	<i>Community Development Block Grant '20</i> Mental Health & Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Facility
\$636,875	<i>Community Development Block Grant '21</i> Housing Rehabilitation in target areas.
\$400,000	<i>Community Home Investment Program '21</i> Housing Rehabilitation in target areas.
\$1,387,583	<i>Community Development Block Grant '22</i>
\$15,710	<i>Department of Justice Patrick Leahy Bullet Proof Vests</i> Bullet Proof Vests for Douglas Police Officers
\$100,000	<i>City of Douglas Weatherization Program</i> Improvements for homes of Douglas residents age 65 & older.
\$697,384	<i>Georgia Dept. of Transportation/Federal Aviation Association/Local</i> Airfield Electrical Replacement (\$616,646) Airport T-Hangar Taxiway Improvements Phase 1 design (\$80,738)
\$662,771.40	<i>Local Maintenance Improvement Grant '22 & '23</i>
\$325,000	<i>QDOT Transportation Alternatives Program</i> Sidewalks at Eastside Park/Lupo Lane/Spooner
\$2,026,100	<i>QDOT Transportation Investment Act</i> S. Gaskin Avenue Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements, Lupo Lane Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements, and Baker Hwy, SR 158 East Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements
\$22,368	<i>Georgia Historic Preservation Division</i> Historic Survey of North Gaskin Historic District
\$7,911,488	<i>OneGeorgia, ARPA Georgia Water and Sewer Infrastructure, ARPA Economic Development Administration Economic Adjustment Assistance</i> Barrington Agri-Business Park Water, Sewer, Wastewater, Natural Gas Expansions

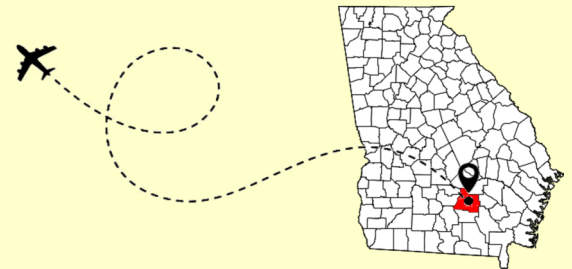
Pending Grant Awards: \$2,286,146

Soaring with our Airport



Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport is operated by the City of Douglas. This Level III Airport is situated on 496 acres. The airport accommodates a variety of aviation related activities including corporate/business travel, recreational flying, agricultural spraying, prisoner transport, forest fire fighting, and experimental aircraft.

- *73 Based Aircraft*
- *36 Hangars*
- *12 Land Leases*
- *9,470 Operations (Landings/Take-Offs)*
- *126,120 Gallons in Fuel Sales*



In 2022, visitors from several locations in North & South America landed at our airport.

- *Canada*
- *Mexico*
- *Alaska*
- *The Keys*
- *California*
- *Bahamas*
- *St. Croix*
- *Connecticut*

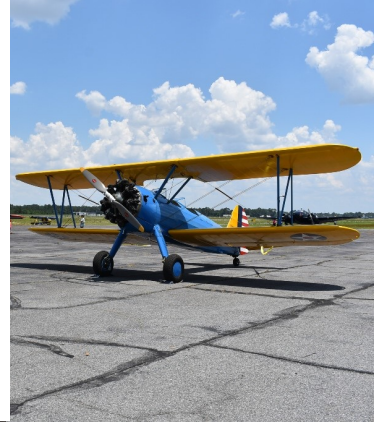


A major project for the Airport in 2022, was the Airfield Lighting Project. This project consisted of replacing all lighting on the airfield and taxiways with LED lighting.

Airport Events

Douglas Warbird Expo

The Douglas Warbird Expo was held May 31-June 2, 2022 with the Commemorative Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress "Texas Raiders" and SNJ/T6 Texan advanced trainer.



New Hangar



12 - Barracks #5 Open House



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony



The Quality of Life Task Force conducted a team sweep of the city and found 76 code violations.

27 - Accumulation of Junk

20 - Inoperable/Unlicensed Vehicles

20 - Overgrown/Vacant Lots

1 - Dilapidated Housing

6 - Animal Control Violations

2 - Pool/Spa Violations

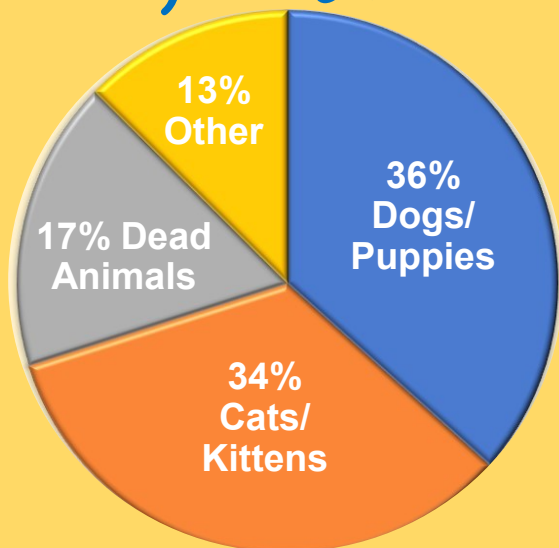
Improving Quality of Life



Animal Control

Animal Control strives to efficiently provide quality animal care service, while protecting the health and safety of our citizens.

1,102 Calls



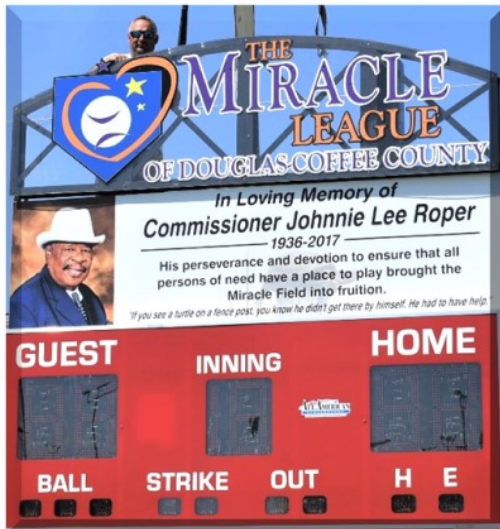
Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement administers the codes of the City of Douglas to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community and where violations occur, to work with citizens to achieve compliance through an efficient and fair process.

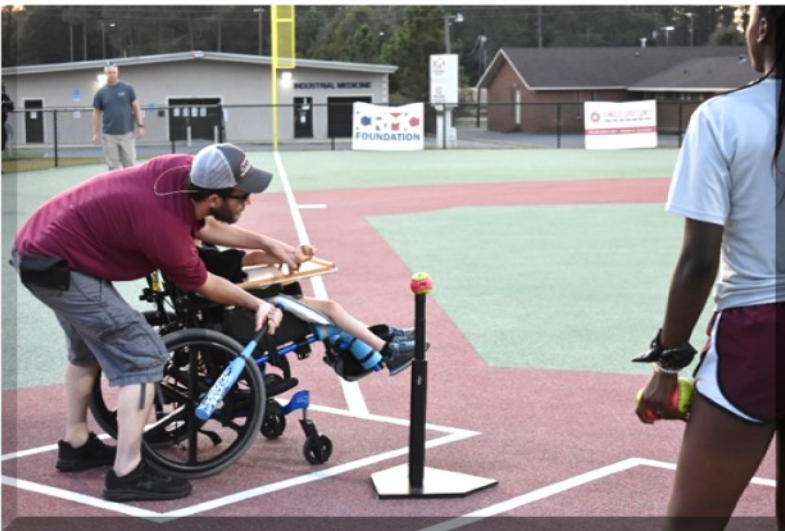
- 40 Citations for Accumulation of Junk*
- 80 Citations for Overgrown Lots*
- 114 Citations for Inoperable Vehicles*
- 234 Warnings to Comply Issued*
- 19 Court Cases for Nuisance Abatement*



*~The Roper Miracle Field~
A place for everyone to play baseball!*



*The Roper Miracle Field opened in May 2022 and offers children and adults with physical and mental challenges the opportunity to play baseball and have lots of fun while interacting with others.
Community Investment: Approx. \$800,000*



*The City of Douglas community
celebrated Tyreek Hill Day on March 12, 2022!*



*Tyreek Hill
Football Camp
May 24, 2022*



Expanding Leisure Services



Premier Sports Athletic Complex

Construction of the youth sports complex began in October 2020 and was completed in January 2022.

- 4 Baseball/Softball Fields with Lighting
- 3 Football/Soccer Fields
- 3 Concession Stands
- Batting cages
- Small Playground Area

Community Investment: Approx. \$7.4 Million



- 120 Regular Season Baseball/Softball Games
- 5 Baseball/Softball Tournaments

Johnson Aquatic Center

The Douglas Stingrays Swim Team has won both team and individual GRPA State Swim Titles for several years. Seeing a need for a competition-sized pool, we have built a new eight-lane pool, pool house, and splash pad at Davis Wade. The Roger Johnson Aquatic Center opened in May 2022.

Community Investment: Approx. \$4.4 Million

- 140 Open Swim Sessions
- 10 Splash Party Rentals
- 78 Youth Swim Lessons
- 32 Adult Swim Lessons



Playing by the Numbers!



State Champions

Douglas Stingrays Swim Team

Track Team

8 & under Softball Team

10 & under Softball Team

Tennis Team

Golf Team

Tournament Hosting

- ♦ **5** – Baseball/Softball Tournaments
- ♦ **1** – District Basketball Tournament
- ♦ **1** – Swim Meet

Facility Usage

- ♦ **34** Athletic Fields
- ♦ **140** CE Weir Center
- ♦ **124** Central Square Gyms
- ♦ **178** Meeting Rooms
- ♦ **155** Youth Center

- **525** Participants in Baseball & Softball
- **25** Participants in Miracle League
- **66** Participants in Track
- **144** Participants in Stingrays Swim Team
- **254** Participants in Summer Camps
- **4** Participants in Golf Team
- **26** Participants in Tennis Team
- **422** Participants in Football/Cheer
- **365** Participants in Soccer
- **402** Participants in Basketball



Emma Ward Park comes alive each April with Coffee Alliance for the Arts Munch-N-Music. Wheeler Park and Roundtree Park continue to be our most utilized parks. Park Shelter Usage—77



Picnic tables and benches are a great addition on the deck at Heritage Station Museum's Caboose.



911 Remembrance Day Ceremony



School Visit



Volunteering at a Miracle League Game

Fire Services

The City of Douglas Fire Department provides efficient and effective delivery of fire and emergency services to persons within the city limits of Douglas. Each year, the department strives to effectively achieve yearly goals through training, planning, and evaluations of the community to limit injury, loss of life, loss of property and loss of environment due to fires. The Douglas Fire Department has a total of **30** Firefighters and **4** Volunteer Firefighters. All firefighters are Firefighter I Certified and average approximately **200** hours of training.

- *30 Firefighter 1 Certifications*
- *17 Firefighter 2 Certifications*
- *21 Hazardous Materials Technicians*
- *3 Technical Rescue Technicians*
- *10 Fire Officer 1 Certifications*
- *2 Fire Officer 2 Certifications*

91 National Fire Certifications
5,226 Training Hours

- *900 Fire Inspections*
- *400 Violations*

The most common fire inspection violation are fire extinguishers that are out of date for service.

The Georgia SPARTAN Firefighter Program was started in Douglas in 2018 and is held bi-annually at the Douglas Fire Department Training Facility. The Georgia SPARTAN Firefighter Program is a stand alone program with a SPARTAN Council consisting of 8 firefighters from throughout the state. The Georgia SPARTAN Firefighter Program has been approved for 24 hours of continuing education by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council. To learn more about the SPARTAN program, www.cityofdouglasga.gov/spartan.

SPARTAN 
19 Graduates in 2022

From 17 different departments and 2 states (South Carolina & Tennessee).



DFD Officers of the Year—
Will Greene and Robert Beecher



Fire Calls

462
Total Calls



- 24 Residential Fires



- 4 Public Spaces (Churches, restaurants, etc.)

- 12 Vehicle Fires



- 6 Structural (general, barns, garages, etc.)

- 46 Brush, Dumpster, & other

- 83 Emergency Response

- 137 False Alarms



- 29 Hazardous Responses

- 121 Smoke Scares, Lock-Outs, Animal Rescues



The purchase of a new Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumper that has a 1,000 gallon water tank and is capable of pumping 1,500 gallons per minute. This purchase will help the City of Douglas keep its Class II ISO Rating which helps keep insurance premiums down for city homeowners and businesses.



Officer Rigo Victoria enjoyed interacting with students at West Green Elementary School during Career Day. Students learned about the Douglas Police Department, different special equipment in patrol cars, and what dedication it takes to become a police officer.



Police Services

5,475
Hours of Training

The Douglas Police Department is dedicated to working in partnership with the community to provide exemplary service by maintaining a proud tradition of **HONOR, INTEGRITY**, and a commitment to **SERVICE**. In 2022, the Police Department equipped patrol vehicles and facilities with 8 lifesaving automated external defibrillators (AEDs) with funds received through a grant from the Firehouse Public Safety Foundation. Overall, felony crimes have decrease 38.41% since 2018.

- 28,158 Calls for Service
- 808 Arrests
- 3,013 Citations Issued
- 4,491 Warnings Issued
- 9,387 Traffic Stops

4,100 Hours Of POST Training

- SWAT School
- Computer Voice Stress Analysis Training
- Police-Counter Sniper School
- Use of Force Instructor School
- Georgia Law Enforcement Command
- Instructor School



Community Policing

Through the Police and Citizens Together (PACT) programs and events, the Douglas Police Department hosted **22** events in 2022.

- National Faith & Blue Weekend
- Women's Firearms Safety Course
- Kicking It for the Kids Charity Tournament
- Community Toy Drive & Shop with a Cop
- Egg Hunt at Roundtree Park
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with a Cop
- Cookies with a Cop
- Trick or Treat Events
- Community and School Meetings
- Leadership and Gang Violence Meeting
- Active Shooter/Critical Incident Exercise
- Douglas-Coffee County Teen Court
- Crime Victims Awareness Week Luncheon



Crime Stats

Since 2018, there has been a
38.41%
decrease in felony crimes.



- 1 Criminal Homicide
- 2 Forcible Rape
- 9 Robbery
- 60 Assault
- 2 Arson
- 42 Burglary
- 136 Larceny/Theft/Ext. Auto
- 4 MV Theft
- 4 Sex Crime
- 32 Criminal Trespass/Damage
- 50 Forgery/Fraud/Other
- 14 Crime Against Children

Traffic Accidents 984 Total

4.56% Decline in Traffic
Accidents since 2019

Accidents—984
2021-2022 Comparison **-1.80%**
Accidents with Injuries—173
2021-2022 Comparison 6.13%
Accidents with Fatalities—0
2021-2022 Comparison **-100%**
Hit and Runs—48
2021-2022 Comparison **-9**

*Totals are from GEARS

Warrants Served 750

CUA Cases Investigated 527

Crime Suppression Unit

Seizures \$221,151





Chili Cook Off at GWCF Campus



Gang Awareness at Telfair County Schools



American Flag Donation by Woodman Life



Keep Douglas Beautiful
A Keep America Beautiful Affiliate



Applauding Public Trust

Resident Boards, Commissions & Authorities

The City of Douglas provides numerous opportunities for citizens to serve the community through various Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Advisory Committees. The primary goal of an appointment to one of these entities is to provide a greater opportunity for citizens of Douglas to have active participation in advising local government before decisions are made that will affect citizens. Through participation on an Authority, Board, or Committee, citizens can have an active voice in their government.

Air Base Preservation & Development Committee

The goal of the Air Base Preservation & Development Committee is to identify, evaluate, and plan for rehabilitation, adaptive use, and restoration of the historic structures at the WWII Air Base, a hidden jewel within our community.



Barracks #5 at the WWII Air Base

Airport Commission

The Airport Commission acts as an advisory commission to the City Commission for recommendations regarding the safe operation and development of the Douglas Municipal-Gene Chambers Airport.



War Bird Expo

Douglas-Coffee County Land Bank Authority

The main objective of the joint Land Bank is to acquire tax delinquent and non-revenue generating and return the property to productive use; the sale of land and property for the development of affordable housing; and the abatement of delinquent taxes.



Third property sold to Salah Harrell

Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Commission

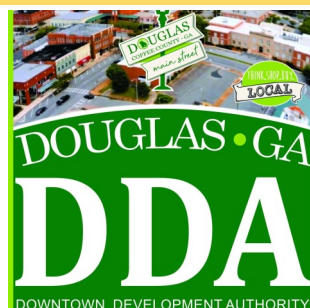
The Parks and Recreation Commission was formed to act as an advisory board to leadership regarding administrative matters with programs, facilities, and services of the Parks and Recreation Department.



Recreation Master Plan Planning Meeting

Downtown Development Authority of Douglas

The Downtown Development Authority (D.D.A.) works to promote and develop business plans and manages the downtown business district. The DDA works with local business, associations, citizens, local government, and E.D.A. to bring about revitalization and economic development in the downtown area.



Resident Boards, Commissions & Authorities

Douglas-Coffee County Planning Commission

A joint city-county advisory board to the city commission and county commission that makes recommendations regarding the Joint Coffee County-City of Douglas Comprehensive Plan, Unified Land Development Code, Zoning Map in the form of zoning and rezoning and annexations into the city as well as other duties.



Planning Commission Training

Douglas-Coffee County Teen Court

Teen Court is a juvenile diversion program for first time offenders who have committed misdemeanor offenses and who recognize the error of their ways and desire a second chance. The goal of Teen Court is to intervene and reduce the incidences and escalations of law breaking behaviors.



Mock Trial

Douglas Team-Georgia Initiative for Community Housing

The focus of the Douglas Housing Team is to help improve the quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally driven housing and revitalization strategies.



Douglas Mayor's Youth Council

The mission of the Douglas Mayor's Youth Council is to broaden the scope of youth leadership in Douglas, Georgia through volunteerism, service and initiatives that are directed toward allowing youth input into policy issues, identification of youth issues, and participation in the development of positive solutions.



Beautification Project at Jackie Allen Park

Historic Preservation Committee

Purpose and intent is to establish a uniform procedure for use in providing the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, and landscape features having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value, in accordance with the Code of Ordinance.



Historic Ashley-Slater House

Coffee County Historical Society

Oversees the operation of the Heritage Station Museum and makes recommendations to the Community Development Director, City Manager and the Commission regarding the operations and programming for Heritage Station Museum. Hosts monthly History at High Noon Program the last Wednesday of the month (January-October).



Resident Boards, Commissions & Authorities

Keep Douglas Beautiful Board

The mission of Keep Douglas Beautiful (KDB) is to promote environmental sustainability and educate the community to take action every day to increase safety, reduce litter from our open spaces and waterways, improve recycling effort, and keep Douglas beautiful.



Beautification Project at Jackie Allen Park

Additional Boards and Committees

Cemetery Committee
Citizens Advisory Committee
Douglas Greenway Trail Committee
Douglas Housing Authority Board
Ethics Committee
Library Board

Veterans Park Committee

The Veterans Park Committee was formed to bring awareness to Veterans and our Veterans Park located at Douglas Municipal Airport. Our Veterans Park is a tribute to all service men and women who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.



Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony



Veterans Park

What's Happening Next?

TSPLOST Planning

- McDonald Rd. Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements
- S. Gaskin Ave. Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements
- Chester Ave. Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements
- West Green Hwy (SR 135/US 221) Sidewalk Improvements
- Lupo Lane Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements
- Baker Hwy, East (SR 15) Sidewalk Improvements
- W. Walker Street Sidewalk Improvements
- Road Improvements at Douglas Municipal Airport
- Planning next TIA referendum

Roundtree Park Grant

Unity Park Grant

Soccer Complex Grant

Huckaby Softball Complex Rehab Grant

Dog Park @ Whispering Pines Park

Airport Industrial Park

Aviation EcoSystem

Air Base Roadside Park

Airport Circle Project

McNeal Drive Rehabilitation

Manual & Policy Updates

Succession Planning

MOVING
FORWARD
TOGETHER



City of *Douglas* Georgia

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